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Reports from Vera Cruz—Last death from yellow fever occurred May 21.

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, June 5, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report for the week ended June 1, 1901:

Notwithstanding the very hot weather of the past few weeks, the mortality of the city remains low. Twenty-five deaths are reported for the week. The last death from yellow fever occurred on May 21.

During the week 5 vessels were inspected and given bills of health. The Ward Line steamship *Yucatan* ran upon a reef while trying to enter the port on the morning of the 27th, and as a consequence of this accident was not able to sail on her regular day, and her passengers for New York and Havana were obliged to wait over for the next boat.

I inclose the weekly mortality report.

Respectfully,

D. E. DUDLEY,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

Mortality report for the week ended June 1, 1901, Vera Cruz, Mexico.

Tuberculosis	5	Malaria	1
Enteritis	2	Perniciosa.....	1
Tetanus.....	1	Deaths from all causes.....	25
Pneumonia.....	3		

No deaths from yellow fever.

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, June 10, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of the transactions at this station during the week ended June 8, 1901:

Since the appearance of the much needed rain on the night of the 6th, the temperature in Vera Cruz has been several degrees lower and our days more comfortable.

No deaths from yellow fever were reported during the week; 1 death from scarlet fever occurred on the 3d of the month.

The Ward Line steamer *Yucatan* sailed for New York via Progreso without passengers. Just before her departure my attention was called to a seaman who was reported sick. He was taken ill two days before, with a chill followed by fever. When I saw him he had a temperature of 103-6° F, and complained of headache and was slightly delirious, and suffered considerable nausea. I had the man sent to the hospital for treatment and observation. The vessel had been lying alongside the wharf, and the history and clinical symptoms presented by the case was certainly suspicious of yellow fever. The attending physician at the hospital reports no albumin and considers the case to be malarial.

A family of Cubans, consisting of mother and 4 children, wishing to sail for Havana on the steamship *Seguranca*, presented themselves at this office for certificates. The children had never been vaccinated, and the youngest, a baby of about 4 months, was suffering from measles and desquamation was plainly evident on the other children. Under the conditions I declined to issue the certificates.

Respectfully,

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[Inclosure.]

Mortality report for the week ended June 8, 1901, Vera Cruz, Mexico.

Tuberculosis.....	1	Enteritis.....	5
Pneumonia.....	1	Perniciosa.....	1
Scarlet fever.....	1	Dysentery.....	1
Malaria.....	1	Deaths from all causes.....	26
Meningitis.....	1		

Concerning a reported case of yellow fever.

A communication has been received from Dr. E. Liceaga, president superior board of health, Mexico, inviting attention to a report of a case of yellow fever at Vera Cruz, as published in the PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS, May 10, 1901, and stating that the patient referred to (an American), according to reports received by Dr. Liceaga, died of remittent paludic fever.

NICARAGUA.

*Report from Bluefields—Fruit port.*BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *June 6, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith report of transactions at this port for the week ended June 5, 1901:

Only 1 vessel was inspected, clearing from this port for the United States. May 30, Norwegian steamship *Alabama*. Gjemre, master; crew, 18; passengers, 8, and Marine Medical Officer W. G. Thigpen, Louisiana State board of health; cargo, fruit and rubber, for New Orleans direct.

The very general observance of the annual fiesta at Rama, up the Bluefields River, where fruit steamers receive the greater part of their cargo, sufficiently explains the fact that only 1 steamer received a cargo of fruit during the past week.

There have been 2 deaths in Bluefields—a colored infant from inanition and a white male from chronic nephritis. The town of Bluefields unquestionably continues healthy and there is no reasonable ground for suspicion that a correspondingly satisfactory sanitary condition does not prevail in the immediate adjacent territory.

I inclose herewith 1 United States Marine-Hospital Service certificate (triplicate) and 8 personal certificates (duplicate) issued, respectively, to vessels and passengers leaving the fruit ports of Central and South America for ports in the United States, under special regulations.

Respectfully,

WM. H. CARSON,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

*Reports from Manila—Plague and smallpox.*MANILA, P. I., *May 2, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that so far as I have been able to ascertain cases of plague have only occurred in 3 places in the Philippines outside of Manila, 1 case in Cebu, 1 case in Cavite, and 1 at Santa Rosa. The latter town is on the Laguna de Bay, and is in direct communication with Manila. Both of the cases in these towns were traced to Manila.